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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :  
Michael Philip Clark : Confirmation No.  
Matthew John Laufersweiler :  
Serial No. : Group Art Unit  
Filed September , 2003 : Examiner  
For 6,7-Dihydro-5H-Pyrazolo[1,2-a]Pyrazol-1-Ones Which Control Inflammatory Cytokines

PETITION TO DELETE INVENTORS UNDER 37 CFR §§1.63(D)(2) AND 1.33(B)

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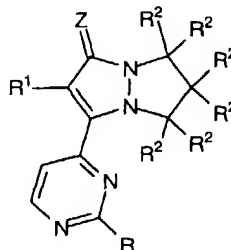
Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of a Continuation Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/246,214, filed September 18, 2002, Applicants' Attorney or Agent hereby petitions to delete the following inventor(s) from this application:

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This deletion of inventors is requested since Claim(s) 1-36 of the prior application S.N. 10/246,214 has/have been deleted. It/They relate(s) to compound which are capable of preventing the extracellular release of inflammatory cytokines, said compounds, including all enantiomeric and diastereomeric forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, have the formula:

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wherein R comprises ethers or amines;

R<sup>1</sup> is:

a) substituted or unsubstituted aryl; or

b) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;

each  $R^2$  unit is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- a) hydrogen;
- b)  $-(CH_2)_jO(CH_2)_nR^8$ ;
- c)  $-(CH_2)_jNR^{9a}R^{9b}$ ;
- d)  $-(CH_2)_jCO_2R^{10}$ ;
- e)  $-(CH_2)_jOCO_2R^{10}$ ;
- f)  $-(CH_2)_jCON(R^{10})_2$ ;
- g)  $-(CH_2)_jOCON(R^{10})_2$ ;
- h) two  $R^2$  units can be taken together to form a carbonyl unit;
- i) and mixtures thereof;

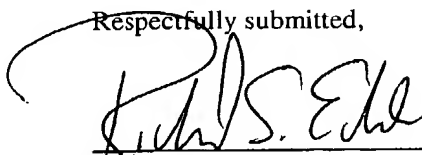
$R^8$ ,  $R^{9a}$ ,  $R^{9b}$ , and  $R^{10}$  are each independently hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl, and mixtures thereof;  $R^{9a}$  and  $R^{9b}$  can be taken together to form a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 7 atoms; two  $R^{10}$  units can be taken together to form a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 7 atoms; j is an index from 0 to 5, n is an index from 0 to 5; Z is O, S,  $NR^{11}$ , or  $NOR^{11}$ ;  $R^{11}$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl.

The above-identified inventors originally named are to be deleted because their contribution in the original application is not encompassed by the present claims.

It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted.

Please charge the fee of \$130.00 under 37CFR 1.17(i) to Deposit Account 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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